

CORRECT on all occasions
VULCAIN
SWISS MADE

Today's weather: Moderate Easterly winds, fresh in exposed places. Cloudy with local light drizzle this evening.

SKANDEX
SWEDISH MADE
RECORD SYSTEMS
AT REASONABLE PRICES
HONGKONG TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE
8 D'Aguiar Street Tel. 31488

COMMENT OF THE DAY

No Easy Path

NONE will envy Mr R. A. Butler his current formidable task of preparing Britain's next budget. He is beset by bewildering problems, paramount among them being to find ways and means of achieving economic solvency and at the same time fulfilling rearmament obligations. Many of the Government's proposals for dealing with the nation's disordered affairs are bound to be controversial; wherefore, any appeal from Government spokesmen for "a lull in party politics" would be nothing but wishful thinking and would assuredly be regarded by the Opposition as a crude attempt to dodge unpleasant Parliamentary consequences. Mr Churchill, himself, has said plainly enough that the Government will take all the measures it deems necessary, however unpopular they may be. Some of these measures, already announced or put in train, especially those directed at the Health Service, have proved unpopular, even among Government backbenchers who have had unhappy contact with their constituents. In almost every decision arrived at for easing the financial strain on the national economy a good or plausible case could be made, and has indeed already been made, for opposing it. Nevertheless the Government cannot afford to lose sight for one moment of the hard realities of the country's economic chaos, nor would it be fulfilling its duty to the nation to adopt a so-called "popular" policy that would eventually prove itself harmful as well as impractical.

HUMAN nature being what it is, and politicians what they cannot help being, it is too much to suppose that the Opposition, while giving voice to the need for saving the country, will officiously strive to save the Government from unpopularity, or fail to express vehemently the discontent and the sense of hardship or injustice that really stringent action over a wide field must make inevitable. There will be no cooing of the doves on the Opposition benches when the Chancellor of the Exchequer presents his super-austerity Budget. On the contrary, and notwithstanding memories of the harsh budgetary policies of their own Chancellors, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. Gaitskell, the Socialists will do their utmost to discredit whatever new austerity measures Mr. Butler has in mind. The Prime Minister and his colleagues will need all their powers of persuasion and all the courage and resolution they can command if they are to drive their proposals through to acceptance and achievement. The alternative would be the fall of the Administration—but no solution.

Angry Family Protest GI's Prison Sentence

Alloway, New Jersey, Feb. 28. The angry family and friends of a 19-year-old soldier today accused the Army of sentencing him to 10 years in prison for falling asleep on guard duty in Korea after he had gone without sleep for three days.

Corsy McConnell, father of Warren McConnell, said the way his son explained the incident in a letter after the court martial convinced him the Army was being too harsh.

Neighbours of the McConnells met early in the local firehouse, backed the father and demanded a full explanation from the Army.

In Washington, an Army spokesman said the private was given a fair trial and convicted by court martial on December 10 of sleeping at his post in the front lines on November 14.

The soldier, who is serving his sentence in Leavenworth, California, may appeal to the U.S. Military Court of Appeals within 30 days. The sentence was upheld by the Army Judge Advocate General Board of Review on February 6.

CRITICAL TEST FOR M. FAURE 20 Confidence Votes Involved

Paris, Feb. 28. Premier Edgar Faure's Government faces its most critical test tonight. The unprecedented number of 20 confidence votes will be taken on the 1952 Budget Bill.

Reliable Parliamentary quarters believe that Gaullists and Communists and about 30 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 250 Deputies, will line up against the Government, and probably Popular Republicans and Socialists and about 50 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, altogether about 270, will support it.

Thus the Government's life might depend on the vote of about 100 Moderate Conservatives and Radicals in this crucial endeavour to balance a record Budget of 3,620,000 million francs to fulfil the French contribution to Western defence.

Appealing to Moderate Conservatives and Radicals, who pledged themselves at the General Elections last summer to oppose any tax increases, M. Faure has said that France "had to foot the bill" to meet its obligations towards the Western defence effort and because Parliament had already committed itself on expenditure for this year.

M. Faure has also tried hard to obtain Socialist support by dropping a Budget which would have slowed down capital expenditure and reconstruction in France and saved the Government 54,000 million francs.

ISSUES AT STAKE

M. Faure agreed this question would be considered later.

The first of the confidence votes are unlikely to be taken before 2 a.m. GMT (10 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time) or 3 a.m. GMT (11 a.m. Friday, Hongkong time), but the final debate will start at 8 p.m. GMT.

Four of the votes are on proposals for economies in operating the state railways to limit their deficit. Then come two votes on a proposal to reduce the deficit of the Social Security organization, of which the vote is to increase employers' contributions by one per cent.

Ten votes will follow (7-10) on increase of taxation, tightening up tax control and suppressing fraud.

Of these ten, the two key votes provide for a 15 per cent increase in most taxes and a six per cent increase in the Companies Profits tax.

Then there will be two further votes on taxation, one (17) a proposal to reduce taxes on company stocks which left-wing Deputies oppose.

The other (18) is highly controversial because it proposes quicker payment of taxes.

Finally, two more votes: One (19) to approve the total of military credits amounting to 1,270,000 million francs; the other (20) to approve the whole of the present Bill.

The total military expenditure is 1,400,000 million francs, of which 130,000 million are covered by civil expenditure.—Reuter.

TREATY RATIFIED

Canberra, Feb. 28. The bill ratifying the Japanese Peace Treaty passed all stages in the House of Representatives early today amid scenes of wild disorder.

The Opposition Labour Party fought the bill up to the end, but Labour moves to have the bill postponed for six months to allow a public referendum on it failed.—Reuter.

Insurgents Loot Treasury

Rangoon, Burma, Feb. 28. A strong force of insurgents overran the Central Burma town of Myingyan today and looted the Treasury before being driven out by government forces. They took the District Superintendent of Police and his family as hostages.

The town's garrison, returning from an operation outside Myingyan, killed 20 of the rebels. While they were in the town, in Burma's main cotton growing district southwest of Mandalay, the rebels freed prisoners from the town jail.—Associated Press.

VIRUS-CARRYING SUSPECT FOUND

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28. Will Brunten, German immigrant sought as a possible carrier of foot and mouth disease, was found today in the Vancouver Immigration Office.

Brunten was recognized by a placement officer in the Immigration Bureau after the young immigrant had walked in to ask for work. He was taken to the headquarters of the Mounted Police, who asked Ottawa for further instruction.—United Press.

Disastrous Snow Storm

Boston, Feb. 28. At least five people have died and 150 highways are blocked as a result of the worst snowstorm in the annals of New England which has been sweeping the Southern part of that area since yesterday.

Drifts piling up before a fierce wind are three metres thick in some places. More than 1,000 motor cars have been abandoned by their owners on the roads while more than 10,000 houses are without heating, owing to breakdown of high tension wires under the weight of snow.—France-Press.

Peking Radio Promises 'Liberation' Of Formosa

Tokyo, Feb. 29. Red China today threatened anew to "liberate" Formosa, Chiang Kai-shek's island stronghold now screened by the United States Seventh Fleet.

A Peking Radio broadcast, monitored in Tokyo, said: "The Chinese people under Communist rule are not only adamantly determined to liberate Formosa by any means but are fully capable of actually liberating Formosa."

The veiled invasion threat was interpreted as an attempt to stampede the United Nations into a quick truce in Korea in order to "clear the decks" to repel aggression elsewhere.

Meanwhile, Allied and Communist sub-delegates met for the first time in 23 days today to wrestle with the prisoner exchange deadlock. At 11 a.m. Rear-Admiral R. E. Libby picked up where the Allied colonels had left off in the world war over the United Nations principle favouring voluntary repatriation—one of the three major obstacles to an armistice agreement.

DRAFT COMPLETED

The "kick and shovel" technicians of both sides yesterday completed a three-language draft embodying seven and a half points already agreed upon in 91 days of bargaining, but they parted on bitter terms.

Colonel James Murray of the Air Force told the Reds the Allies were prepared to hand over a "detailed accounting of 44,000 names" of reclassified Red prisoners on 12 hours' notice—if the Communists came through with information on 52,000 "they admitted to have captured but thus far have not accounted for."

The Reds merely replied with another attack on the United Nations for the Kojé Do prison camp riot. Col. Murray told them the Allies held themselves responsible to the world for what went on in its prison compounds but that it was none of the Communists' business.

Men 3 staff officers met in the adjoining tent to resume another round of discussion on truce supervision. There was no progress yesterday on what "neutral" nations qualified for the Korean armistice inspection committee. The Reds still insisted the Allies should accept Russia and the UN refused. They also held out for five points while the Allies demanded six. Airfield construction was not discussed.—United Press.

Attlee Explains Secret Korea War Agreement

"NO DEPARTURE FROM GENERAL POLICY"

London, Feb. 28. The former Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, tonight told the story of Britain's secret agreement to sanction attacks on Chinese airfields if they were used for heavy air attacks on United Nations forces in Korea.

Mr Attlee hoped with his story to smother the bomb which the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, tossed into the Labour Party ranks two days ago when Mr Churchill revealed that the Labour government agreed to allow attacks outside the Korean theatre.

The announcement already had been a severe blow to the former Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, within the Party and a boost for the Party's Left Wing leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan. Mr Attlee's revelation threatened to blow Labour Party unity skyhigh.

Mr Attlee issued a statement in which he said he was "setting out the facts" because of some misapprehension about the Labour Government's attitude toward the Korean war in the light of Mr Churchill's disclosure of one of a series of secret communications between Britain and the United States.

Mr Attlee said: "There has been pressure in certain American quarters for extension of the war in the Far East by various operations, including a naval blockade of the mainland, military operations against China and bombing of Manchurian cities. These two governments were opposed to such policy."

VIEWPOINT SHARED

"From time to time, questions arose as to the conduct of operations in the Korean theatre of war and these were the subject of correspondence. Among them was the question of what action should be taken in the event of heavy air attacks being launched against the forces of the United Nations by aircraft from bases on the far side of the Yalu River. It was represented that where attacks of this kind took place it was unreasonable that the general officer commanding should be precluded from attacking these airfields."

"The Labour Government agreed with this point of view and the Government of the United States were informed in these circumstances after consultation of His Majesty's Government or, if time did not allow, with British liaison officers on the spot, that the general officer commanding should be permitted to attack those airfields from which attacks were being launched."

"It is obvious there was here no departure from the general policy of co-operation with the United States in the Korean theatre of war."—United Press.

CURFEW IN THREE PI TOWNS

Sequel To Murders

Manila, Feb. 29. Armed forces will impose a curfew on three towns in Huk-ridden Pampanga province in Central Luzon, beginning tonight, in an effort to stop killings and kidnappings in that area, a Defence Department spokesman said today.

The curfew order, issued by the Defence Secretary, Mr Ramon Magsaysay, affects the towns of Angeles, Magalang and Mexico, where Huk were believed to be mingling with the peaceful population. The curfew will be from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Angeles, which is near the United States Air Force base, Clark Field, was recently subjected by the Army to a mass screening and 41 alleged Huk were caught.

The curfew order apparently was prompted by the murder of eight persons in Pampanga in recent days. Two of the victims were wealthy landowners, Serafin Lazatin of San Fernando, and Toribio Bautista of Mexico.

SUFFICIENT TROOPS

The Defence Department spokesman said it was not considered necessary to impose a curfew on San Fernando, the provincial capital, "because we have enough troops there."

Mr Magsaysay, meanwhile, left his residence at Camp Murphy early today to meet an unidentified top-ranking Huk leader from Laguna province at an undisclosed rendezvous.

The Huk leader, who is reputed to have influence over some 8,000 dissidents, came to Manila on a safe-conduct from the Secretary obtained by Congressman Estanislao Fernandez of Laguna. The Secretary and the Huk leader are scheduled to discuss the amnesty for Huk, proposed by Mr Fernandez in a resolution filed recently in the House of Representatives.

Mr Fernandez told the United Press 95 per cent of the Huk in Laguna province were willing to accept an amnesty.—United Press.

Fire Aboard Ship

South Portland, Feb. 28. The British collier, Ledestone reported a fire aboard 50 miles south of Sea Island, Nova Scotia, today but the Coast Guard said it was in no immediate danger.

The Coast Guard cutter Yakutat left for the stricken vessel, which radiated for aid. The 415-foot Ledestone sailed yesterday from St John, New Brunswick, for England.—United Press.

Hawkers Return



"Whatever you want, Johnny, I've got," cries out the kerside seller as rifle-carrying troops gather round in the hope of picking up a bargain. Absent since the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, these Arab hawkers have returned to Fayid village. Wherever the British Serviceman in these parts goes his rifle is with him, as on shopping expeditions such as this.—London Express.

State Dept Happy About US-Japan Security Treaty

Washington, Feb. 28. The State Department today declared that agreement implementing the Japanese-American security treaty, just signed in Tokyo, was an "important step in the defence of peace and security in the Pacific area and in the steady progress of the democratic nations toward the system of collective security for peace and freedom which has been developing within the framework of the United Nations Charter."

The Department statement reflected the belief of the American government that the Japanese-American security pact, together with the United States' other defence arrangements with the Philippines, New Zealand and Australia, constituted the nucleus for an eventual overall Pacific security alliance against Communism.

The agreement signed in Tokyo gives the conditions under which American land, sea and air forces will remain "in and about Japan" to defend the unarmed nations after the Japanese peace treaty becomes effective.

The actual bilateral security arrangement between the United States and Japan was signed in San Francisco on September 8, the same day Japan and 48 other nations signed the peace treaty. The Department said the treaty was designed to "provide unarmed and defenceless Japan with the necessary protection against the menace of Communist aggression by maintaining United States armed forces in and about Japan."

ALONG SAME LINES

The Department pointed out that the security treaty "voluntarily agreed to by Japan in the exercise of its inherent sovereign right of self-defence is recognized in the treaty of peace with Japan as well as in the Charter of the United Nations."

The Department statement said the administrative agreement signed in Tokyo was along the same lines as those concluded in other countries where there were American bases.

"The security pact itself has been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and will be acted on soon by the Senate."

With respect to the administrative agreement, the Department statement said in part: "The agreement conforms in general to the agreements which have been concluded with sovereign countries throughout the world where US forces are maintained. Concluded on a basis of sovereign equality and trust by direct negotiation between the two countries, the agreement is satisfactory to both the United States and Japanese governments and will strengthen the close bonds of mutual interest and regard between their two peoples."

"The present administrative agreement, which is an executive agreement, makes practical administrative arrangements for the disposition of armed forces of

Japanese Refuse To Surrender

Soldier Stragglers Stay On Island

Manila, Feb. 29. Nobuhiko Jimbo, former colonel in the Japanese army, complained for Tokyo at 9.30 a.m. today after making a fruitless attempt to persuade Japanese army holdouts on Lubang Island to surrender.

Jimbo, who served here during the occupation and saved the life of President Roxas, flew low over Lubang Island, some 80 miles southwest of Manila Bay, last week-end and appealed to the holdouts through a loud-speaker. He also dropped leaflets urging them to surrender and be repatriated.

There was no response from the estimated 15-20 stragglers on the island.

Jimbo came here in an unofficial capacity.

Two Japanese newspapermen will soon make an attempt to persuade the men to surrender.

The Defence Department spokesman said Hiroshi Yamamoto of the Mainichi and Yutaka Tsuji of the Asahi would go to Southern Luzon today to receive instructions before proceeding to Lubang. They will take over where Nobuhiko left off.—United Press.

US POLICY SHARPLY CRITICISED

Washington, Feb. 28. In response to questioning on Far Eastern policy, Mr Owen Lattimore today characterised Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Nationalist Government as a "driftwood government on the beaches of Formosa."

Mr Lattimore charged, in testimony, that the China Lobby—which he called an "open conspiracy"—was using "intimidation tactics" to get the United States government to give "all-out aid" to Chiang.

Mr Lattimore called support of the Chiang government a mistake in policy and asserted that the State Department had become the "puppet of its critics."

"The drift of policy in the last couple of years shows that the State Department, while protesting it is following its own policy, is in fact following the policy of its most intemperate critics," he said.—United Press.

GILMAN & COMPANY LTD.
AGENTS FOR

- ARCHIMEDES A.B. Outboard Motors.
- AUTO DIESELS LTD. Diesel and gasoline engine driven generator and pumping sets.
- BELLING & LEE LTD. Individual and communal anti-infective aerial systems.
- C.A.V. LTD. Fuel injection and electrical equipment for diesel engines.
- ENFIELD INDUSTRIAL ENGINES LTD. Small air-cooled marine & stationary diesel engines.
- FERRANTI LTD. Motors, instruments, transformers, Moving Coil Regulators etc. for Electrical Distribution. Also Domestic Electric Waterheaters, Panel Fires etc.
- JAMES GIBSON LTD. Steel Windows and Architectural Finishes.
- J. & E. HALL LTD. Lifts and Escalators.
- "KANGOR" Electric Hammers.
- GEO. W. KING LTD. Electric Hoists, Mechanical Handling and Sliding Door Equipment.
- KRESKY MANUFACTURING CO. Oil-fired Automatic Thermal Storage Waterheaters.
- NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION CO. Fire Extinguishers.
- J. G. NAYLOR & CO. LTD. Glass and Emery Cloths and Papers.
- F. PERKINS LTD. Vehicle & Marine Diesel Engines.
- STUART TURNER LTD. Yacht Auxiliary Engines.
- SIKA LTD. Integral Waterproofing Materials for Cement.
- WIKSTROM A.B. "Norden" Building Hardboard.

ENQUIRIES TO: ENGINEERING DEPT. TELEPHONE 31146 (6/17)

KING'S MAJESTIC

★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.



You've never heard of him — but it's the name you'll hear all over town when we show
James CAGNEY
In this year's most powerful and powerfully different Warner Bros. Picture — as the man Lew Marsh, who had a thirst for trouble! Co-starring **PHYLLIS THAXTER**
'Come Fill the Cup'

ADDED: SPECIAL WARNER-PATHE NEWSREEL
"STATE FUNERAL OF THE LATE KING GEORGE VI"
and "WINTER OLYMPICS"

SUNDAY MORNING SHOW

KING'S: AT 11.30 A.M. MAJESTIC: AT 12 NOON
Universal Films Presents
"All Color Cartoons Programme"
Entirely New AT REDUCED PRICES

ROXY & BROADWAY

SHOWING TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



THE STARTLING STORY
THE WORLD HAS ONLY GUESSED AT
BUT NEVER KNOWN UNTIL NOW!
THE AMAZING STORY OF ROMMEL
THE GREATEST STRATEGIST SINCE HANNIBAL!
BOOK AT ONCE!

Complimentary Tickets Are Not Valid for this Picture

Capitol Theatre

AIR CONDITIONED

★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.



TO-MORROW "Waterloo Bridge"

At Least 18 Atomic Tests This Year

New York, Feb. 28. — American authorities estimate that the number of atomic explosions this year will exceed 18, according to columnist Robert B. Allen.
It was known that Russia planned further atomic tests this year, he said in an article, while Britain would conduct atomic tests in Australia.
The coming American atomic tests on the Pacific coast of Eniwetok will be directly related to the development of the catalytic hydrogen bomb, Mr. Allen said.
"United States scientists have definitely established that the weapon can be produced," he added. — Reuter.

GERMANY ASKS FOR LENIENCY

War Debts Issue

London, Feb. 28. — West Germany today pleaded the cost of her contribution towards peace in Europe as a reason for lenient treatment by her creditors.
Hermann J. Abs, leader of the West German delegation to a 28-nation conference which began here today to settle Germany's external debts, said that Germany was hard hit by the war and this must be taken into account in assessing her paying capacity.

Post-war German debts are unofficially calculated at about \$250,000,000 and the post-war total is estimated at \$3,800,000,000 more. West Germany has assumed responsibility for all Germany's pre-war debts in return for a big cut in post-war claims by America, France and Britain.

The chief American delegate, Mr. Warren Lee Pierson, said, "France, the United Kingdom and the United States have offered to make unprecedentedly liberal concessions with respect to Germany's obligations," but they have imposed as a condition for such concessions that a fair and equitable settlement be worked out for holders of pre-war obligations of Germany.

"As the Steering Committee considers the burden and sacrifices to be placed on the debtors and creditors under the debt settlement it must also keep constantly in mind the heavy burden which will be placed on the United Kingdom, France and United States taxpayers."
The conference set up a Steering Committee and a Creditors Committee. It will decide the composition of the two committees at another plenary session tomorrow. — Reuter.

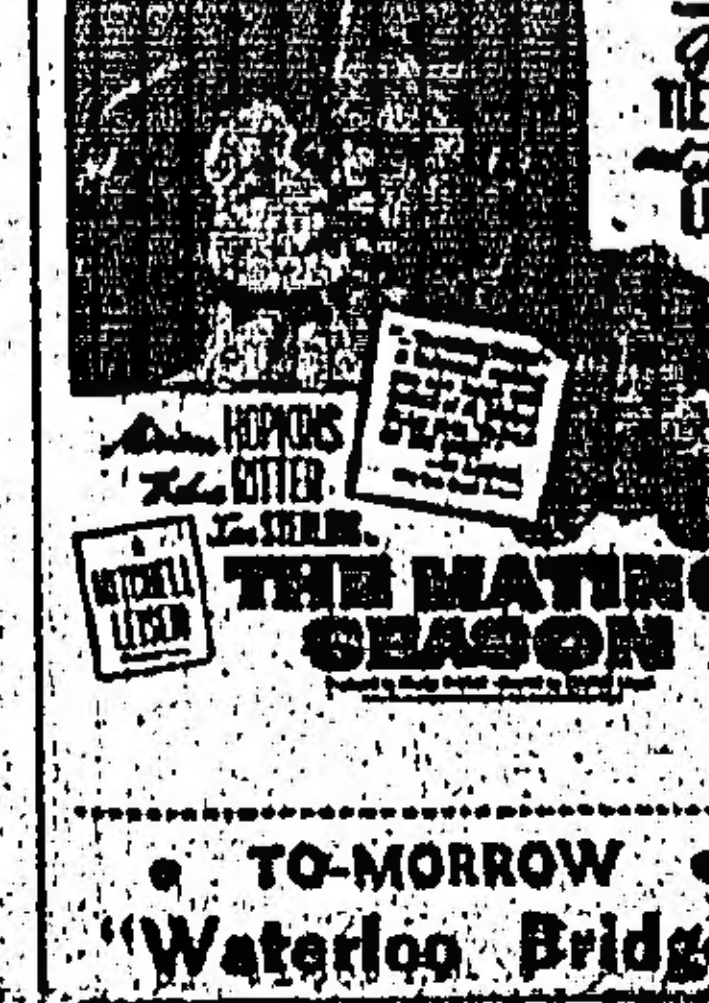
BRITISH MOTOR CORPORATION

London, Feb. 28. — A new company, which will produce half of Britain's motor cars, was named today the British Motor Corporation. Into it will be merged the assets of Morris Motors and the Austin Motor Company, amounting to £66 million.
The merger, announced last October, has as its object the production of more efficient cars, the chairman of the new company is the 74-year-old millionaire philanthropist, Lord Nuffield. — Reuter.

STAR

17, Hankow Road, Kowloon
TO-DAY ONLY
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

THE MOST ENJOYABLE MOVIE OF THE SEASON... ABOUT THE MOST ENJOYABLE SEASON OF THE YEAR! "THE MATING SEASON"



New Effort To Solve Impasse Over POW Exchange In Korea

Munsan, Feb. 29. — Full-fledged armistice delegates take over the problem of prisoner exchange today where their "working level" staff officers gave up after exhausting talks.

A sub-committee of one member from the Allied and Communist truce delegations face the task of breaking the deadlock over the United Nations proposal to allow prisoners to say whether they want to be returned.

Allied negotiators have pressed for voluntary repatriation since they began discussion of the fourth agenda.

The Communists have insisted that their prisoners be sent back regardless of their wishes. In advance of the sub-committee session at Panmunjom, there was little to encourage hope that the two star officers on the sub-committee could succeed speedily where the staff officers failed in 22 days of discussion.

The meeting, at 11:00 a.m., brings to the conference table Rear-Admiral C. Turner Joy on the Allied side to face North Korean Major-General Lee Sang Cho for the first time since Feb. 6.

Due to meet at the same time in an adjoining tent were opposing staff officers working on terms for safeguarding truce, the third item on the armistice agenda.

The major dispute in this tent stems from the Communist insistence—and Allied opposition—to Russia as one of the neutral nations, to help police a Korean armistice.

PORTS OF ENTRY

Also before the staff officers was the question of the number of ports of entry behind the lines on each side that are to be inspected by neutral nation teams.

The arguments in this tent on Thursday were the same as they have been for days and Allied officers reported gloomily afterward that no headway was made.

On the question of Russia, the Reds said their position was firm and would continue to be so.

On the number of rear area ports, the Reds held out for five on each side against the six sought by the UN Command.

Staff officers working on prisoner of war exchange reached agreement on almost all paragraphs of the draft for this agenda item but they left the issue of voluntary repatriation for the sub-committee.

Some minor differences in wording remained, but an Allied staff officer, Col. James Murray, said: "These problems would fall apart if the central issue was resolved."

NO INDICATION

Col. Murray asked the Communist staff officers to the conference tent today to supply information on all prisoners ever held by them and said that if they did the UNC would do the same.

But the Reds gave no indication that they will comply.

The data would cover information on men who each side claims were in the hands of the other and who so far have not been accounted for.

In addition this would include the names of prisoners captured since original prisoner lists were exchanged at Panmunjom in December.

Col. Murray told the Reds: "On Jan. 1 you stated that you had put in an order for data on all prisoners of war captured by your side during the course of hostilities. This includes approximately 50,000 persons—formerly military personnel of our side—for whom no accounting has been given. You also stated that this data would be given to our side in due course, contingent on our giving you the complete data on all prisoners of war taken by the United Nations Command."

Col. Murray said: "On Feb. 6 you were informed that such a complete accounting for prisoners of war taken by the UNC could be made available to you on 72 hours' notice. We have available complete data on all prisoners of war taken by your side through Jan. 31, 1952. This includes a detailed accounting for the list of 44,000 names which you handed over on Dec. 26. We can have this data here tomorrow morning."

The Communist staff officer, Chinese Colonel Tsai Cheng Wen, evaded a direct answer on whether the Reds would furnish the information. But he said: "With respect to the question of data, your side has to report all the prisoners of war in your camps immediately. That is your duty as well as your obligation."

Col. Tsai also told Col. Murray that the UN reply to the Red protest over the February 18 rioting of civilian internees at the UN camp on Koje island was not satisfactory.

He said: "Your side attempts to escape the barbarous massacre of the captured personnel of our side. These persons are the military personnel of our side. They are clearly listed in the list submitted by your side through the International Committee of the Red Cross."

Col. Murray countered by stating: "The civilian internees (on Koje) are not personnel of your side. They are nationals of the Republic of Korea and thus it is an internal affair of your side."

"Our responsibility to your side is limited to the prisoners of war of your side whom we hold," Col. Murray added. — Associated Press.

Coalition In Indonesia?

London, Feb. 28. — Authoritative Indonesian sources in London stated today that trends in Djakarta were that the new Indonesian Cabinet was likely to be a Coalition.
According to cables received here today, President Soekarno received Dr. Sukirman, the outgoing Premier and leader of the Masjumi Party, and Mr. Sidiq Djodjokarto, leader of the Partai Nasional Indonesia (National Party of Indonesia) at Djakarta and was understood to have discussed with them the procedure for the formation of the new Cabinet.
Earlier the two leaders had met the Vice-President, Dr. Mohamad Hatta. — Reuter.

A Unified Navy For Europe?

Paris, Feb. 28. — Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, Supreme Allied Commander, North Atlantic, said here today that a European navy would have the same advantage of more closely integrated units as the six-nation European army project.

Admiral McCormick was asked at a Press conference before leaving for London to confer with British Service chiefs and Government leaders, if he thought the European army concept could apply to the Western navies.

"Not at this time," he replied. It was too far ahead of North Atlantic planning, he commented further on the subject, he said.

Asked if French Moroccan bases would be available for his Command, Admiral McCormick said, "Certainly, yes."

The Admiral said that his Command had no plans to use ports or bases in Spain or in Spanish Morocco; he would have a liaison officer at General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters and he expected that General Eisenhower would have a liaison officer at his headquarters.

Ten nations would contribute to his Command and he would have some responsibility for co-ordinating and developing training in anti-submarine work. He was asked if his Command would have responsibility for anti-submarine research and development.

"This is certainly a No. 1 requirement in connection with readiness," he said. — Reuter.

Landed In Court Instead

Singapore, Feb. 23. — Twenty-seven-year-old Goh Kwee Hua, fed up with life because she had married a "rascal," decided to end her troubles by jumping from the window of her house.

Instead she landed in the seat of a peon, suffering only slight injuries, appeared in Court and was ordered to sign a bond to be of good behaviour for six months. — Associated Press.

New Aerial Freighter

London, Feb. 28. — Britain is to produce a freight plane capable of carrying 20 tons of cargo and of landing on a field 1,000 yards long.

It is an improved version of the original "Universal Freighter" claimed to be one of the largest existing cargo planes. It is at present undergoing final tests.

The original Universal Freighter, a double-decker, had a wing span of about 50 yards and an all-up weight of about 45 tons. It could carry 90 passengers and a motor coach in its main compartment.

The new version—the Mark 2 Universal Freighter—similar in most respects, is a medium range plane with a maximum cruising speed of 225 miles an hour. — Reuter.

Flies 100th Mission

Korea, Feb. 28. — A former Royal Australian Air Force Spitfire pilot, who survived a jump in a "dud" parachute during World War II, flew his 100th Meteor jet mission in Korea today.

This pilot is Squadron-Leader William Bennett, DFC, of Hamilton Road, Brisbane. He is the deputy commander of the RAAF 77th Squadron.

Bennett bailed out of an exploding Spitfire over Holland on Christmas Day, 1944. His parachute failed to open properly but his fall was checked when the silk got caught in a tree.

Bennett, who spent the remainder of the war in a German prison camp, rejoined the RAAF in October, 1950.

His 100th Meteor flight was a patrol mission. — Reuter.

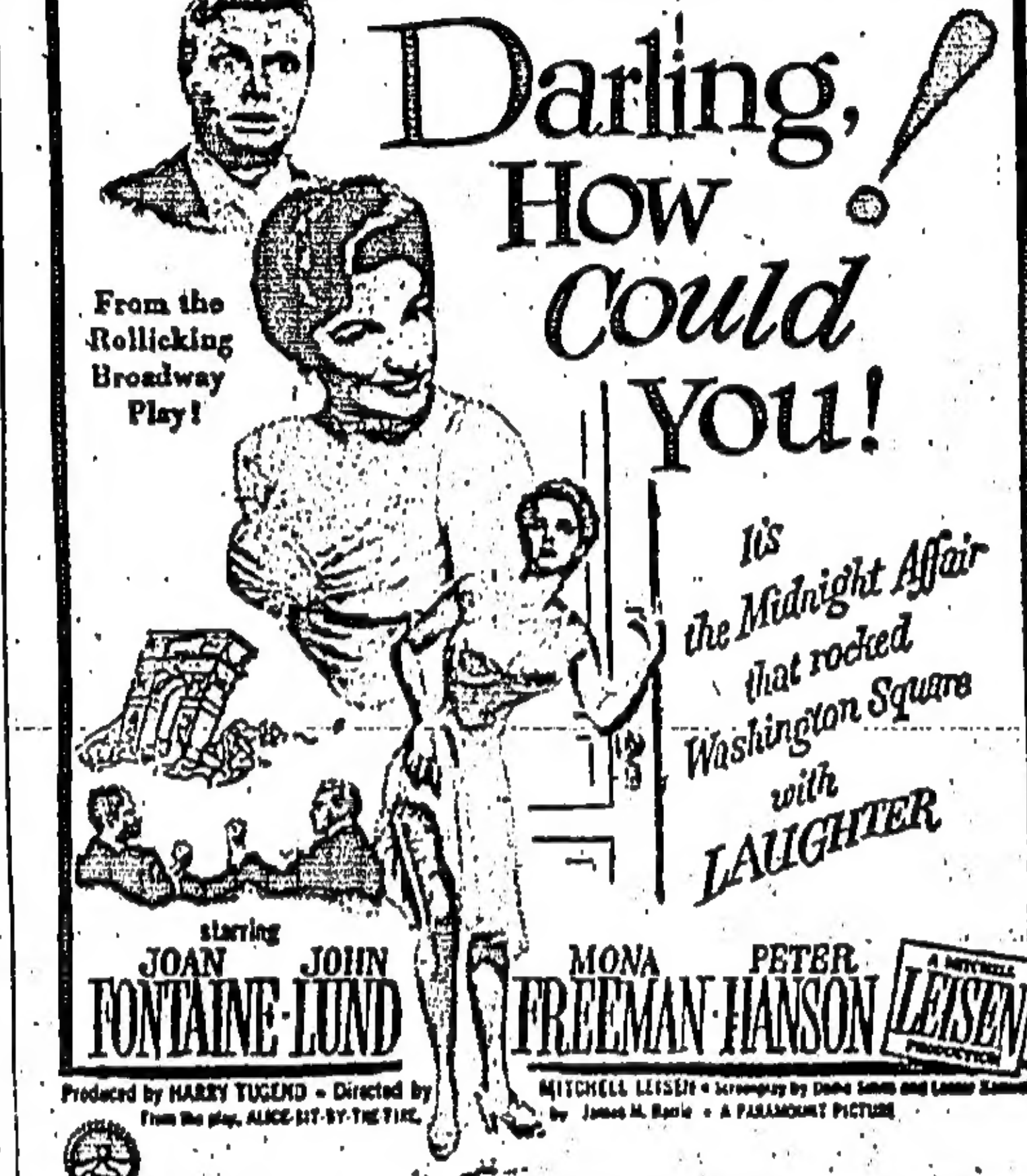
SHOWING TO-DAY **QUEEN'S ALHAMBRA** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.



LEE Liberty

DAILY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
★ SHOWING TO-DAY ★

The Movie That's Good For A Hundred Happy LAUGHS!



ADDED AT THE LEE SPECIAL NEWSREEL
FUNERAL OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI

NEXT CHANGE at the CAPITOL

Tel. 52328
Castle Peak Road
Opposite Kowloon Bus Co. Bus Route: No. 6, 6A & 12

— SHOWING TO-DAY —
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

It's Big South Seas Musical!



— NEXT CHANGE —
CLAUDETTE COLBERT in "Three Came Home"

Pancake landing



Cricketer Shot Dead On Field



In the foreground is the dead body of Arthur Henderson, and in the background Ronald Reed, a wounded man who is receiving attention from ambulance men. The scene is the Railways Oval, Adelaide, South Australia, after a man had run amok with a .303 rifle during a cricket match and shot the two players. — Express Service.

Locust Swarms Invade Iran

London, Feb. 28. Swarms of desert locusts have crossed the Persian Gulf and have entered Persia at Bushire, the Amir Locust Research Centre in London stated today.

They may spread along the coast to Pakistan and India, according to Dr. Boris P. Uvarov, the Director of the Centre and a leading world authority on locusts.

He said: "Where they go next depends upon the weather. They are not likely to go inland, where the climate is cold, but may spread eastwards along the coast up to Pakistan and India."

There is no information as to the size of the swarms. — Reuters.

TEXTILE GLUT IN RANGOON

Rangoon, Feb. 28. A textile glut is threatening many Burmese with bankruptcy and the Government has offered to buy "over-stocks".

The move is expected to help defray pay off pressing debts and add liquid funds to banks whose warehouses are filled with unredempted textile stocks.

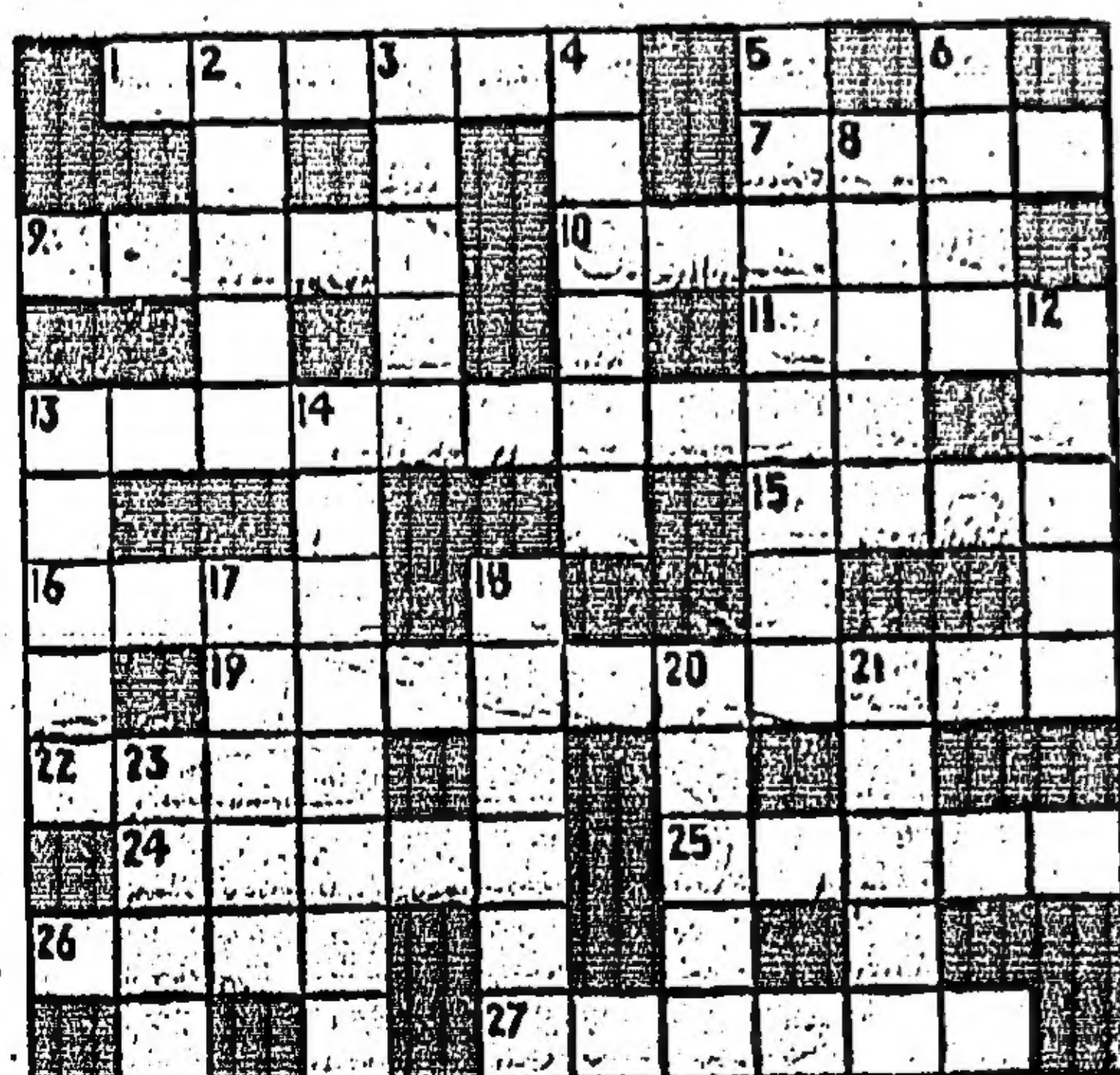
Some quarters estimate that Burma has enough textiles, especially piecegoods, to last her for two years.

Some Burmese businessmen, who want import control, blame the present crisis on the Government's policy of open general licenses.

The bulk of the textile trade is controlled by British and Indian businessmen.

The Government's new measure is designed to help Burmese traders, new entrants to the textile business. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS: 1. Replacement parts (6); 2. Excursion (4); 3. Machinery (5); 4. Mistake (5); 5. Birds (4); 6. Downcast (10); 7. Tackle (4); 8. Get up (4); 9. Impious (10); 10. Feet (4); 11. Necessities (5); 12. Tendency (5); 13. Put on (4); 14. Hysteria (6); 15. Sobbed (4); 16. Opera (6); 17. Tonic (10); 18. Erected (10); 19. Heart (4); 20. Gilded (6); 21. Cheats (6); 22. Separate (4); 23. Baritone (5); 24. Prelate (6); 25. Silver (4); 26. Grand (4); 27. Spectra (6); 28. Torment (4); 29. Destroy (4); 30. Ordeal (4); 31. Rich (4).

DOWN: 1. Proportion (5); 2. Firm (6); 3. Acquaintance (8); 4. Scottish church (4); 5. Literary (5); 6. Support (5); 7. Mountain (10); 8. Unaffected (6); 9. Enchantress (5); 10. Stopped (6); 11. Pious (5); 12. Foo (5); 13. Spoon (4); 14. Sobbed (4); 15. Opera (6); 16. Tonic (10); 17. Erected (10); 18. Heart (4); 19. Gilded (6); 20. Cheats (6); 21. Separate (4); 22. Baritone (5); 23. Prelate (6); 24. Silver (4); 25. Grand (4); 26. Spectra (6); 27. Torment (4); 28. Destroy (4); 29. Ordeal (4); 30. Rich (4).

"Major Step Towards Establishment Of A New Europe"—Eden

Lisbon Agreement On Germany

London, Feb. 28. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons today that he regarded the agreement on the German financial contribution to defence reached in the talks in London, Lisbon and Bonn as a major step not only in the strengthening of Western defence, but also in the establishment of a new Europe.

Mr. Eden announced that he, Mr. Dean Acheson and M. Robert Schuman had decided to issue today a joint declaration from which it would be seen that they were urgently examining the new proposals whereby the four Powers might be enabled to fulfil at an early date their pledge to restore to Austria her full freedom.

Mr. Eden was making a statement on the meeting in Lisbon of the North Atlantic Council and the talks in London between the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, the United States and Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor.

He disclosed that he, M. Schuman and Mr. Acheson had reached agreement among themselves on the question of security safeguards on German industry.

Mr. Eden hoped it would be possible to reveal the details of this agreement later, adding, "I can say that the broad outline of the scheme is that the six European defence community powers will themselves jointly agree where orders for all military material shall be placed and where they shall not be placed."

The decisive consideration would be whether and where any particular European defence community country was exposed strategically or geographically.

Arrangements would be made to ensure that safeguards be applied also to Britain and the United States.

Reporting on the Lisbon discussion on the complicated relationship between NATO and the European defence community, Mr. Eden stated that it had been agreed that all members of the European defence community and NATO should be reciprocally bound by the obligations laid down in the North Atlantic Treaty.

LABOUR QUERIES He told the House that the NATO Council had agreed to extend these obligations to cover the European defence community by adding a protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty.

The complication, Mr. Eden pointed out, arose from the fact that five members of the community are members of NATO but that the sixth, Germany, is not.

Replying to questions from the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, who asked for clarification of the present position with regard to any military contribution by Germany towards the defence of the West, Mr. Eden said:

"The position is that Germany's contribution cannot come into effect until contractual arrangements with Germany and the European defence community and Germany are finally signed."

Pressed by a former Labour Defence Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, to define Britain's relation to the European community, Mr. Eden said: "Our position is that we shall of course be alongside the European army and we shall have certain arrangements which I mentioned in the last debate and which are being worked out for liaison and close association with them but not merged with it."

Approval Of French Army Expenditure

Paris, Feb. 28. The French National Assembly tonight passed by 520 votes to 104 partial military credits for Metropolitan France amounting to 130,000 million francs for March and April.

This partial credit bill, which was made necessary because the Budget for 1952 had not yet been voted, will be adopted by the Government to face immediate military expenditure.

Total military credits for 1952 amounting to 1,270,000 million francs are, one of the Budget clauses on which the Premier, M. Edgar Faure, is seeking a confidence vote tonight.

The total military expenditure of 1,400,000 million francs, of which 130,000 million are covered by military expenditure on armaments, troops and other military matters.

Asked bluntly by Mr. Shinwell whether Britain intended to contribute contingents to the European army, Mr. Eden said that there had been absolutely no change in Britain's position with regard to the European community since he explained it in the foreign affairs debate before he left for the Lisbon conference. — Reuters.

PRESS CRITICISM

London, Feb. 28. The leftwing weekly review, New Statesman and Nation, said today: "The phoney balance sheets, the paper armies and the synthetic optimism of the Atlantic Council meeting at Lisbon were all designed to keep the dollars flowing across the Atlantic from America."

"The whole elaborate show at Lisbon was motivated not by any serious military planning but by purely political considerations," the paper said.

"There has never been such an orgy of self-deception, mis-telling and fraudulent book-keeping."

Neither the military nor the financial plans made could be carried out, the paper declared. For instance, everyone at Lisbon knew perfectly that the French promise to spend the equivalent of £1,400 million Sterling on defence this year was "mythical". — Reuters.

DUTCH CONCERN

Amsterdam, Feb. 28. The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. Dirk Stikker, said here today that while great political progress was made at the Lisbon NATO Council meeting he was concerned about the economic side.

He told reporters on his arrival tonight from Lisbon that West Germany's contribution to the European defence community, as fixed for this year, presented many pitfalls in the economic aspect.

"What is the use of forming a European defence community if Germany turns out not to have enough money available?" he asked.

The Dutch Foreign Minister did not think the plan to raise 50 divisions this year for West European defence were "empty words." He thought the plan could certainly be implemented although he again stressed that this depended closely on the development of the economic situation in Britain and France. — Reuters.

Heligoland Going Back To Germany

Frankfurt, Feb. 28. The German authorities will take over bomb-torn Heligoland Island on Saturday under a promise never again to turn it into a sea bulwark against Britain.

A rocky island, Heligoland has for the past seven years been a practice target for British and American bombers.

A group of 18 bored German policemen landed on the island on Feb. 22 to prevent 2,500 native islanders from returning to their former home before the island is handed back to Germany on March 1.

The 2,500 Heligolanders, together with about 1,000 German soldiers who manned anti-aircraft guns and the repair shops during World War II, evacuated the island after the German surrender. They have since then lived in bleak-like emergency quarters along the German North Sea coast about 20 miles from the shattered island.

The natives are waiting to return to the 130-acre North Sea rock to resume work as fishermen and resort keepers.

The Heligolanders hope to raise more than \$10,000,000 to finance reconstruction. Mines and anti-aircraft guns must first be cleared and the harbour rebuilt before houses can go up again.

Military use of the island began when Hitler fortified it in 1933 and turned it into a submarine base during the last war. — Reuters.

Testimony By FBI Informer

REDS AND BOOK BY LATTIMORE

Washington, Feb. 28.

A former FBI informer told Senate investigators that the Communist Party promoted Owen Lattimore's book "Solution in Asia," it was disclosed today.

The informer was ex-Communist, Harvey Matusow. He testified in secret before the Senate Internal Security Committee on Feb. 13. He said he became a Communist in 1947 and started to contact the FBI in 1950.

A transcript of his testimony was made public by Committee staff members while Mr. Lattimore, a Johns Hopkins University professor, was testifying before the Committee in an open session.

Mr. Lattimore contended that his book did not in any way follow the Communist line.

The transcript showed that Matusow told the Committee he became acquainted with "Solution in Asia" in 1948 while he was an employee of the Jefferson School bookshop, an alleged Communist front.

"CORRECT LINE"

He explained that events were taking place too fast in China for the Communist Party in this country to prepare and put out its own official Party literature.

He said the Party's State education committee "got together and decided which books would be good background material and which supported the Communist Party line."

"They came out with the decision that 'Solution in Asia' was one of those books which could give a Communist Party member the correct line on the Asiatic situation in China."

He said the bookshop also promoted former Vice-President Henry Wallace's pamphlet, "Our Job in the Pacific." — United Press.

Bank Robber Enters Plea Of "Guilty"

New York, Feb. 28.

A 51-year-old bank robber landed a verdict, facing a total of 80 years' imprisonment, was threatened with contempt of court — carrying a possible penalty of a few months — by a judge here today.

His lawyer smilingly told the judge, "I do not think you will impose that."

Willie ("The Actor") Sutton, who, until his arrest in New York on Feb. 18, was the most wanted bank robber in America, pleaded guilty to two charges of unlawful possession of arms.

Under New York State law this made a sentence of a minimum of 15 years to life imprisonment mandatory.

The prosecutor said that Sutton will still have to serve 20 years in Sing Sing Prison, from which he escaped 20 years ago, and 37 years in the Eastern State penitentiary in Pennsylvania, from which he escaped in 1947.

The judge threatened Sutton with contempt of court because he declined to answer questions about the arms found in his possession. — Reuters.

Mystery Vessel Of Death

Ujung, Feb. 28. Reports from the remote island of Flores in the Lesser Sunda Isles group tell of the discovery of a mysterious vessel of death. Local authorities set out by motor launch to investigate, sighted about a black plume which erupted suddenly along the east coast of Flores.

After a search of several hours they found the boat. It contained six corpses, a Singer sewing machine and a bicycle. The dead could not be identified, and the discovery is still a mystery to the police. — Associated Press.

NEW CHURCHILL APPOINTMENT

London, Feb. 28. Mr. Nigel Birch, Under-Secretary to the Air Ministry, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence.

Mr. Birch will deal with all matters affecting the Ministry which arise in the House of Commons as the new Defence Minister, Viscount Alexander, sits in the House of Lords.

TALKS ON INDONESIA SHELVED

The Hague, Feb. 28. The Indonesian delegation attending the informal talks here on an annulment of the union between Holland and Indonesia and its replacement by an international treaty, will leave for Jakarta on March 2 because of the Cabinet crisis there.

But the talks will be resumed when a new Indonesian Government is formed, a delegation spokesman said.

The delegation's chairman has issued a joint communiqué saying that since Jan. 16—when the talks started—provisional results had already been achieved.

The talks have also included the controversial question of the status of Western New Guinea. The area is still under Dutch sovereignty, but Indonesia claims that it should be handed over to the Indonesian State.

It is understood here that an Indonesian proposal that the area should be administered jointly between the two countries is being given serious consideration in Dutch political circles. — Reuters.

Indoor smells killed in the air!

NEW AMAZING DISCOVERY

It's the wick that does the trick!

AN AMAZING DISCOVERY, Air-wick kills unpleasant indoor smells—even the strongest cooking smells, stale tobacco smells, bathroom smells. It kills them in the air. It actually makes your home smell fresh and clean.

Air-wick contains chlorophyll, the substance in plants that keeps all growing plants fresh and green. It has 125 other natural compounds too.

Air-wick is so simple to use. Just unscrew the cap, pull up the wick, place the bottle on a high shelf above the source of smell. Smells vanish as if by magic.

Air-wick

If any difficulty is experienced in obtaining this product, please contact:

Sole Agents:

UNITED AGENCIES LIMITED.

Shell House Tel: 31175

1 APR 1952

CENTRAL

270, QUEEN'S RD. CENTRAL. PHONE 25720

2 SHOWS DAILY AT 6.30 & 9.15 P.M.

THE GREATEST MAGIC SHOW THAT HONG KONG HAS EVER SEEN, — WITH TONS OF LUGGAGE AND DOZENS OF ASSISTANTS

SORCAR, IN PERSON

"WORLD'S GREATEST MAGICIAN"

TWICE WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE OF MAGIC "THE SPHINX AWARD" FROM NEW YORK FOR THE BEST STAGE MAGIC.

B B C LONDON TELEVISION INTRODUCED AS "WORLD'S GREATEST MAGICIAN"

SORCAR cuts a lady in half on an open table — cuts a man's tongue — brings ghosts right in the audience — he disappears in the presence of everybody.

To Avoid Rush — Please Book In Advance

RATES OF ADMISSION — £20, \$15, \$10, \$5 & \$3.50

When only the best will do

It is a well known fact that the best Virginia cigarettes are made in London; but, fortunately, they do not all stay there! The famous Benson & Hedges red tin is a familiar sight in almost every country of the world. You will find these cigarettes in the hands of particular smokers who prefer to pay just a little more to make quite sure of having the absolute best for all those occasions when only the best will do.

IN TINS OF 20
\$1.10



SUPER VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

BY

BENSON and HEDGES

OLD BOND STREET, LONDON

St JOHN

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

& BRIGADE

ANNUAL BALL

WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 11TH MARCH 1952
AT THE

HONG KONG HOTEL

Under the Distinguished Patronage of
His Excellency The Governor,
Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G.,
Knight of Grace, Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem
President
And Of
Lady Grantham
Lady President Of Nursing Divisions

Ticket, \$25 Each, May Be Obtained at

HONG KONG KOWLOON

Reception Office, Hongkong Hotel Reception Office, Peninsula Hotel

Please Book Early!

Table reservations, Hongkong Hotel

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL
OF

FERNET-BRANCA

WORLD RENOWNED SINCE 1845

AS
TONIC BITTERS & DIGESTIVE

This Wonderful Preparation, Composed of Harmless
Vegetable Ingredients, Rapidly Corrects All
Disorders of the Stomach.

STIMULATES THE APPETITE

World's Most Famous Cure for the "MORNING AFTER"

Sole Distributors:

GANDE PRICE & CO., LTD.

Tel: 20136.

Sole Agents:

WM. WARREN TRADING CORP. LTD.

1 Duddell Street

Tel: 37978



VICTORIA
From the painting by Thomas Sully.

THE Barbirolli Touch

SIR JOHN BARBIROLLI has arranged with Covent Garden to appear more often as guest conductor. This season he has had charge of two productions, "Turandot" and "Aida." He hopes during future seasons to prepare and conduct as many as four operas. His conducting dates are now in negotiation with the Garden management.

The Covent Garden musical directorship is still vacant, to be sure. But who wants administrative donkey work? Guest nights are so much better fun, especially if you have a whole month to get up a production and everybody's as nice as nipping.

When nowadays he goes in at the Floral Street stage door Barbirolli has a snug, homing sentiment. He was on the Garden's conducting strength for old type international seasons as long ago as 1927, twilight of the Tlaxa Epoch. In 1952, fingering his bow tie and eyeing himself in the mirror of Dressing Room A, he says, "Yes I'm at my old tricks again."

OVER-PRAISED? But Barbirolli's tricks are of two kinds. There are his opera tricks. And there are his concert hall tricks. They do not necessarily come out of the same box.

As a concert conductor and before that as a player, he has done well, even brilliantly. (Perhaps not as brilliantly as his wilder champions make out. For a year or two his Halle Orchestra was grossly overpriced in some quarters.) I vaguely remember him as a young man in striped trousers and tall coat leading a hundred 'cellos (all ages from ten to sixty) in plummy adaptations of Bach at the Kingsway Hall.

At 25 he was touring an orchestra of his own. At 36 he was Toscanini as chief of the New York Philharmonic and basked in American success for seven years.

Symphony and oratorio he prepares with love and tenacity.

UPSIDE DOWN

To demonstrate a point of phrasing he will borrow the orchestra leader's fiddle and play it upside down with its tail on a table top, as if it were a baby. If he chooses he could, of course, play the fiddle right way up, but he is a crack solo 'cellist (retired) and the wrong way comes more naturally.

With choral societies he has ways of his own. At a rehearsal one Sunday morning his tenors and basses failed at a tricky passage in a concert version of "The Masteringers." "If you get this right," he promised, "you can all have pints on me." He was true to his word. After the rehearsal a bonus beer queue formed at the restaurant bar next door.

Concert hall dollops are watched by Lady Barbirolli with an eye that is professional as well as wifely. A stylish oboe player, she figures on concert bills under her maiden name, Evelyn Rothwell, and plays in concertos which her husband has devised from 18th century scores by Corelli and Pergolesi.

OPERA FIRST

For 12 months or so she convinced to be her husband's business manager. She took a typing course, the better to negotiate his initial output with the Halle of 200 concerts a year. For both husband and wife, then, the concert hall is perpetual excitement.

Yet, when you bring him in the point, Barbirolli admits that opera's the thing—his matter, as he puts it.

The theatre caught him young. His Italian father (born Padua) and grandfather (born Rovigo)

THE accession of Queen Elizabeth the Second inevitably calls to mind the last occasion upon which a young Queen ascended to the throne of England. In 1837 Queen Victoria began her long reign whose "august, unchallenged, and tranquil glories," as Mr Churchill described them, will ever remain among the greatest memories of our history. The character and personality of that remarkable monarch are subjects of perennial interest.

Miss Dormer Creston's study of the Queen's life until her marriage in 1840, just published, will please all those who enjoy colourful detail, picturesque gossip and frequent flights

into psychological analysis. The sub-title of the book is A Discursive Narrative. The reader who has wandered along the mazy paths of Miss Creston's story for 462 pages may be inclined to regard this as an understatement.

Only those who have access to the Royal Archives are likely to add anything new to the great amount already known about Queen Victoria's youth. Miss Creston does not belong to that category. Nevertheless her book is a convenient and interesting reminder of the enormous change which has taken place during the past 120 years

"The youthful Queen Victoria" (Macmillan 30s.).

She found the monarchy on the verge of dissolution... and her 64 years' reign changed the whole status of royalty

by Robert Blake

In the position and prestige of the monarchy.

When Queen Victoria was born in 1819 the prospects of the House of Hanover were unpromising. George III was old and mad. His sons were notorious alike for their demeanour, their morals and their debility. The Prince Regent was a witty and indolent voluptuary. The Duke of York had been forced, for a time, to abandon his post as Commander-in-Chief when it was revealed that his mistress trafficked in army commissions. The Duke of Clarence, later William IV, was a genial buffoon with ten illegitimate children.

The Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria's father, who died in 1820, was a military martinet whose iron discipline provoked cruelties wherever he commanded.

SINISTER DUKE

The sinister Duke of Cumberland was reputed—erroneously—to have murdered his own valuer. Finally came the Duke of Sussex, "harmless but eccentric, living in seclusion amid fifty thousand books and several hundred musical clocks, and the Duke of Cambridge whose loquacity was so impressive that even in church he kept up a stentorian running commentary upon the service.

It is not surprising that the Duke of Wellington once described them as "the damnedest millstones about the necks of any government that can be imagined. They have insulted—personally insulted—two-thirds of the gentlemen of England."

The reigns of George IV and William IV, rocked the monarchy to its foundation. Queen Victoria's mere existence by preventing a further succession of royal brothers did much to save the Crown from disaster.

At the end of her sixty-four years' reign the whole status of royalty had changed. Modern constitutional monarchy had come into being. It has often been claimed that this was the Queen's achievement. How far is that claim justified?

The modern concept of the constitutional monarch has four requirements: a private life beyond reproach; a capacity for absorbing endless State papers; a readiness to take the lead in ceremonial affairs; a rigorous detachment from party politics.

The Queen did indeed possess that first two of these qualities, but not the others. Far from being a public figurehead she became after her husband's death for many years a complete recluse. So remote was she from the public eye that in some Radical circles the cost of keeping up the monarchy became open to question. In 1871 a famous pamphlet was published on the subject of royal finance with the title—What Does She Do With It?

As for politics the Queen remained to her dying day an inveterate partisan. Her father had been a Whig, and she began her reign almost as a protégée of the Whig Party. Her partisanship was enhanced because her wicked uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, who was next in succession, had long been an extreme Tory, and many of his supporters hoped to see him succeed to the Throne.

Indeed, so ludicrous were the fears entertained by the Duchess of Kent for her daughter's safety in her childhood days that at one time she insisted upon all meals being tasted by someone before-hand in case of poison.

In her early years on the Throne the Queen continued to be a passionate Whig. At the election of 1841—the Prince Consort's horror—£15,000 of Royal money was spent in the Whig interest.

Naturally, the Tories did not take this lying down. The tragic scandal of Lady Flora Hastings, described in detail by Miss Creston, gave a handle to the Opposition. At Ascot in 1839 the Queen was publicly hissed by a Tory duchess.

Later the Queen changed the direction of her politics. The Whigs, Palmerston and Russell, became those "dreadful old men."

As for Mr Gladstone, the Queen's pen spluttered with rage at the thought of him. "A wild fanatical old man of 70" wrapped up in "his own incomprehensible delusions and illusions. If he could only be stopped!" Elsewhere she refers to him as "that half-mad firebrand." "Others may submit to his democratic rule but not the Queen."

In Queen Victoria's youth the Crown was expected to intervene actively in politics. It was natural for her to carry on these ideas even into her old age.

HER DEVOTION

The real creator of constitutional monarchy was that most able and misjudged figure, the Prince Consort. Himself detached from English parties, he saw that, to survive in a democratic age, the Crown must appear disinterested in politics, must exert influence by advice which could only be effective if the Sovereign thoroughly understood the affairs of State but was believed to be politically impartial.

For all her strong feelings Queen Victoria never quite forgot her husband's precepts. Her political prejudices were known only within a limited circle. The loyalty of the very leaders, who had most cause for complaint, prevented any widespread knowledge of the Queen's hostility to the Liberal Party. Her devotion to public duty had made her by the end of her life one of the most popular monarchs in our history.

The monarchy, which seventy years earlier had seemed upon the verge of dissolution, now stood firmly rooted in public esteem, ready to face the tempests of the twentieth century.

BRITISH ARMY WILL BE STRENGTHENED

By Peter Lovegrove

THE news that seven second battalions of famous regiments are being reborn during the coming spring and summer, which was announced by Mr Antony Head, the War Secretary, in the House of Commons recently, has been welcomed far beyond British Army circles.

It represents the first fruits of the economies on manpower in administrative units and headquarters recommended by the Temple Committee—the Army in fact is cutting 'as tall to strengthen its teeth—and is also a sign of the successful stimulus given to Army recruiting by the new three-year Regular engagement, which is attracting recruits at a rate, it is maintained, of about 50,000 men a year.

The seven regiments, selected because they had been most successful in Regular recruiting, are:

The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).
The Lancashire Fusiliers.
The Royal Welch Fusiliers.
The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.
The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment).
The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment).
The Durham Light Infantry.

Only the King's Royal Rifle Corps of the other 57 Infantry regiments have already had their second battalion restored. All seven battalions have long regimental traditions, a distinguished past, and their battle honours read like a slice of British history.

The War Secretary confirmed in the Commons that the Black Watch, the senior Highland regiment, was the most popular with Regular Infantry recruits today.

The "Red Hacketts" second battalion traces its origin to 1758 when it was formed in Perthshire, and as the 73rd Perthshire Regiment fought in the West Indies, at Martinique and Guadeloupe, and was then employed in the capture of Montreal, the final conquest of Canada and the capture of Havana.

Disbanded soon after, it was raised again in 1793 when it won fresh laurels in the East Indies (it fought with great bravery against Hyder Ali and Tipu at Seringapatam) and in the storming and capture of Seringapatam, and later in the Peninsula War. It was in France in 1914, and after Neuve Chapelle, Loos

and Gevenchy, was sent to Mesopotamia and also fought in Palestine in World War One and in the operations against the Arabs there in 1937.

It received a remarkable tribute from the enemy in the date war. After being evacuated from British Somaliland it went into action against German paratroopers at Heraklion in Crete in 1941. The enemy battalion commander who opposed them said, when he was captured some time later: "My first surprise was when I found the position was held. The second was when I discovered who the infantry were. The battle continued with great ferocity for two days. The Black Watch never surrendered. Had it been any other regiment, any other, all would have been well. Even we were at our wits' end. I had but 80 men left out of my 800, no food, little ammunition; all our food was being eaten by the Jews."

After Crete, the battalion was in Tobruk during the siege and then fought at Chindits in Burma.

Two of the other second battalions originated with the Hon. East India Company. The Durham Light Infantry's was the 2nd Bombay Europeans raised in 1823 which was later amalgamated with the British Line as the 106th (Bombay Light Infantry) Regt. The East India Company's 3rd Madras Europeans, who did good service during the Mutiny, became the 108th (Madras Infantry) Regt, which transferred to the British Crown, and later the 2nd battalion of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Nowhere will Mr Head's announcement have been more warmly welcomed than in the United States Marine Corps, which has had a long association with the Royal Welch Fusiliers' 2nd Battalion.

The first time they actually met was when they were arrayed on opposite sides of a stone wall at Dunkirk Hill in the American War of Independence, but their link of comradeship dates from 1800 when they fought side by side during the Boxer Rising in China and assaulted Peking together. They were again together on the soil of China at Shanghai in 1937. The famous composer Sousa, who was a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, wrote a march, "The Royal Welch Fusiliers" to commemorate the association, which

sent in Germany with the 1st Battalion, but will return to England on the forming of the 2nd Battalion.

The original 2nd battalion was raised in 1823, and suffered terrible hardships in the Crimea, less than 100 men returning to England out of the 1,000 who had composed the regiment when it sailed. It fought in the Indian Mutiny, and later saw service in Egypt, India and Tibet. It was in France during World War One, and crossed the Channel again with the BEF in 1939. After taking part in the Dunkirk evacuation, it fought in North Africa, was in the Pantelleria and Anzio landings and subsequently fought its way up to Rome and beyond. From 1945 to 1947 the battalion served in Palestine, Syria and Egypt.

The Green Howards and the Lancashire Fusiliers both raised second battalions at the outbreak of the Seven Years' War in 1758, and again exact-

(Continued on Page 7, Col. 7)



NO FINER SUGAR!
Available from all
shops and stores

TAIKOO SUGAR

General Agents:
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
(Incorporated in Hongkong Ltd.)

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS TO		
"SOOCHOW"	Yokohama, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 3rd Mar.
"FENGNING"	Hong Kong, Labuan & Sibiu	10 a.m. 4th Mar.
"KONTUM"	Hong Kong, Labuan & Sibiu	10 a.m. 4th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Hong Kong, Labuan & Sibiu	10 a.m. 5th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	5 p.m. 8th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 10th Mar.
"YOHIO"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 11th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	5 p.m. 12th Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Singapore & Penang	10 a.m. 13th Mar.
"TUKIEN"	Djakarta, Cheribon, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	10 a.m. 13th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 15th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	2nd Mar.
"KONTUM"	Phnompenh	2nd Mar.
"SHANGHAI"	Keelung	7 a.m. 3rd Mar.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	5th Mar.
"SZECHUEN"	Moji	5/6th Mar.
"PAIKHOI"	Moji	9th Mar.
"YOHIO"	Yokohama	10th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Bangkok	11th Mar.

A.O. LINE LTD./C.N. CO., LTD., JOINT SERVICE

SAILINGS TO		
"TAIPEI"	Kobe, Yokohama, Nagoya, Manila & Sydney	7th Mar.
"TAIPEI"	Sydney & Melbourne	20th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIPEI"	Australia & Manila	3rd Mar.
"TAIPEI"	Moji	9th Mar.
"TAIPEI"	Nagoya	23rd Mar.

BLUE FUNNEL LINE

SCHEDULED SAILINGS TO EUROPE VIA ADEN & PORT SAID		
"PELUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.
"CLYTONES"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Manila	22nd Mar.
"ANCHISES"	Dublin & Liverpool	20th Mar.
"PATROCLUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.

SCHEDULED SAILINGS FROM EUROPE

Sails		
G. "ANCHISES"	Liverpool	3rd Mar.
G. "CLYTONES"	do	11th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	17th Mar.
G. "ASTYANAX"	do	24th Mar.
G. "AENEAS"	do	1st Apr.
G. "ASCANIUS"	5th Mar.	9th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	12th Mar.	17th Apr.
G. "AGAPENOR"	19th Mar.	24th Apr.
G. "CALCHAS"	25th Mar.	30th Apr.

G. Loading Glasgow before Liverpool.
S. Loading Swansea before Liverpool.
Carriers' option to proceed via other ports to load & discharge cargo.

DE LA RAMA LINES

ARRIVING via MANILA FROM U.S. ATLANTIC & PACIFIC COAST PORTS		
"DONA NATI"		16th Mar.
"ANDAMAN"		5th Apr.

Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.

Route	Departs Hongkong	Arrives H.K. (on return)
HK/Hongkong/Singapore (DC-4)	8.00 a.m. Mon, Thurs. 8.45 a.m. Tues, Fri. (Connects at London with U.B.A. to Hongkong)	
HK/Hongkong/Hongkong (DC-4)	10.00 a.m. Tues. 2.15 p.m. Wed.	
HK/Hongkong/Singapore (DC-4)	12.00 Noon Tues. 4.15 p.m. Wed.	
HK/Hongkong/B.N. Lorne (DC-3)	6.00 a.m. Tues. Fri. 3.45 p.m. Wed. Sat.	

All the above subject to Alteration without notice.
For passage and Freight Particulars please apply to

1 CONNAUGHT RD. C. Tel 30331/8
BRANCH OFFICE: 50 Connaught Rd. West 525875/32144/24878

BEN LINE

ARRIVALS		
SHIPS	FROM	DUE
"BENVENUE"	Japan	3rd Mar.
"BENATTOW"	U.K. via Singapore	on or abt. 18th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	U.K. via Singapore	30th Mar.
"BENAVON"	Japan	31st Mar.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Japan	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	U.K. via Singapore	25th Apr.

SAILINGS

SAILINGS		
SHIPS	TO	DUE
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull.	3rd Mar.
"BENATTOW"	Avonmouth, London & Hamburg.	21st Mar.
"BENAVON"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull.	31st Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	5th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow & Antwerp.	22nd Apr.
"BENCRACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Harze, London & Hamburg.	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe.	25th Apr.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD.
Agents,
Yock Building, Telephone 34166.

CHINA MAIL

HONGKONG

PUBLISHED DAILY (AFTERNOONS)

Price, 20 cents per copy.

Saturday 30 cents

Subscription: \$6.00 per month.

Postage: China and Macao \$1.00

per month; U.K., British Possessions

and other countries \$2.00 per month.

News contributions, always welcome,

should be addressed to the Editor.

Business communications and

advertisements to the Secretary.

Telephone: 2011 (5 Lines).

KOWLOON OFFICE:

Sallybury Road.

Telephone: 5363.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 7th day of March, 1952, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 22nd of February to Friday, the 7th of March, 1952, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board

A. MORSE,

Chief Manager.

22nd January, 1952.

"Man From Pru" On Fraud Charge

London, Feb. 28.

Miss Gertrude Briggs, for 30 years parlour-maid to Lady Clementina Tottenham, of Staple Cross House, Christchurch, Hampshire, gave evidence at Bristol against a "Man from Pru." He was alleged to have obtained, by a series of tricks, all Miss Briggs' savings, including two legacies totalling more than £600.

The "Man from Pru"—John William Haley, 42, of Redland Court-road, Bristol, the district manager in Bristol of the Prudential Assurance Company—faced 17 charges alleging forgery, fraudulent conversion and false pretences in Bristol, Gloucester, and Hampshire. The total involved was said to be about £1,900.

Mr Jeremy Hutchinson, prosecuting, said that Haley suggested that Miss Briggs should place three policies under his protection. When she did so he wrote to his head office and raised loans on them, forging the documents and cheques sent to him in her name.

He also said he would invest money for her with the Prudential at 3 per cent. "Occasionally he paid her small sums by way of interest, but eventually she had nothing left, although she did not know it," Mr Hutchinson said.

Haley also raised loans on policies belonging to Miss Nellie Horn, a wardmaid at a Bristol hospital, and he obtained £150 from her sister after she had cashed some Savings Certificates, Mr Hutchinson added.

Anyone who had been harmed financially as a result of Haley's alleged activities, would be completely re-imposed by the company, it was stated. The case was adjourned.

Rusk Mission Over

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

The United States Ambassador, Dr Dean Rusk, and other members of the American delegation left Tokyo by air for the United States tonight a few hours after the signing of the administrative agreement. The Rusk mission came to Japan almost five weeks ago to negotiate the agreement.

P&O B.I. E&A COMPANIES

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL S.N. CO.

PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Arrives Hongkong
"CORFU"	7th February	10th March
"CANTON"	6th March	7th April
"CARTHAGE"	2nd April	4th May
"CHUSAN"	6th April	5th May

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards

Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	14th March
"CANTON"	11th April
"CARTHAGE"	9th May
"CHUSAN"	8th May

Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & London.

FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Due Hongkong	From
"SURAT"	3rd April	London & Continent
Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	For
"SOCOTRA"	14th March	London & Continent</



Divorce For Gene Tierney

Santa Monica, Feb. 28.
The film star Gene Tierney received an uncontested divorce today from dress designer Oleg Cassini, testifying that he preferred a tennis court to her.

She said Cassini showed little desire to keep their marriage going. She told the court her work required her to remain in Hollywood much of the time while Cassini's business was in New York.

She said she made three or four trips a year to see him, but gradually it became evident her trips were "not looked forward to with any anticipation."

While she was in New York, she related, Cassini frequently left on trips, and once, after they had agreed on a trip to Europe to revive their marriage, he backed out because, he said, he wanted to play in a tennis tournament.

The actress also said her husband never contributed to the support of their children, Daria, 8, and Christiana, 3.

Under the terms of the property settlement approved by the court, Cassini agreed to pay \$63 a week for the support of the children, plus 10 per cent of his annual earnings over \$10,000.

Miss Tierney was awarded sole custody of the younger child, but agreed to share custody of the elder daughter with Cassini. She married Cassini in 1941. —United Press.

Recognition For Consular Officials

The Governor has been pleased to recognize Senator Claudio A. Mendicino as Consul for the Republic of Argentina in Hongkong. The Executive empowering him to act as such was signed by His late Majesty on January 1, 1952.

The Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been pleased to recognize Mr. Frank J. Haughey as Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hongkong.

The following have been appointed members of the Port Committee for a period of one year: Capt. E. P. Hinton, RN; Messrs. James T. Choy, M. Y. Fienness, R. Johannessen and John Keswick.

Taipeh Treaty Talks At A Standstill

Taipeh, Feb. 29.

Sino-Japanese treaty negotiations were again at a standstill as the Japanese delegation requested a delay in setting the second plenary session pending new instructions from Tokyo.

The announcement of a formal meeting, expected last night, was held up until the Japanese mission chief, Retsu Kawada, had been given the green light by his government to take action across the conference table on points reported to have been agreed upon in three informal sessions with the Foreign Minister, George Yeh, chief Chinese negotiator.

The continued delay in getting down to business brought angry accusations today from Kuomintang leaders that Japan is deliberately playing a waiting game, hoping by continued delaying tactics to wear down Nationalist resistance to Japanese views.

Under Kuomintang insistence, the Chinese press today warned the public not to take too optimistic an attitude toward either early or satisfactory conclusion of a bilateral treaty.

Conflicting declarations by the Japanese delegation added to the confusion on the exact status of developments to date. Hideki Muzaki, official delegation spokesman, at various times has insisted that Kawada, as plenipotentiary, has full authority to make decisions binding on his government. On other occasions, he has said Kawada must await new instructions on step by step negotiations.

Two days ago, Muzaki said Japan was insisting on negotiating a treaty as a sovereign nation on an equal basis with Nationalist China. Yesterday Muzaki qualified his remarks by saying Japan hoped to be able to negotiate as an equal partner.

Shiroshi Kimura, second in rank in the Japanese delegation, this morning conferred with the vice Foreign Minister Hu Ching-yu, deputy to the Foreign Minister in negotiations. It could not be learned immediately if the meeting meant Kawada had been empowered to proceed or if there would be still further delays. —United Press.

Magistrate Finds Sailor Not Guilty

Colin Gordon McKay, sailor of HMAS Sydney, was found not guilty on a charge of evading payment of tax by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

Mr. Wicks said he was satisfied defendant had no intention of evading payment of the fare. Defendant was ordered to pay \$3 as compensation to the taxi driver.

Insp. Dewar said McKay left the Kowloon Restaurant, Nathan Road, after having some drinks last night and boarded a taxi.

The driver drove him towards Tsimshatsui but he could not get a satisfactory answer from defendant as to where he wanted to go. He was then taken to the Police Station where he was found to have no money.

Defendant told the Court that he was drunk and did not remember anything.

Men Admit Embezzlement Charges

Two employees of the China Travel Service, Lai Kin, 33, messenger boy and Cheung Fuk-tung, 31, clerk, were sentenced to three and six months respectively by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning when they both pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

Lai who had served the Company for 10 years, drawing a salary of \$230 per month, was alleged to have embezzled on divers dates between June 4 last year and February 14, 1952, \$4,304.74 being monies received from customers.

Defendant, who was arrested near his home when the account books were audited on February 9, told the Police he could not live on his salary.

The second defendant was alleged to have embezzled \$13,278.88 on divers dates between September 1949 and February 8 this year.

Cheung who had 18 years' service with the Company and draws \$370 per month told the Police he lost most of the money gambling in the former manager's residence. The manager had since left for Japan.

NATURALISED

The Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has conferred the privilege of British Naturalization on the following persons: Miss Lily Agnes Lowcock (Nurse), Mr. Jack Goldmann (Fire and Police Officer), Mr. Ho Ka-lan (Merchant), Mr. Ladislav Brzany (Merchant), Mr. Jackson Chok Sun Chen (Merchant), Miss Alice Howells (Typist) and Mrs. Svea Astrid Cederberg (née Olsson) (Housewife).

Appointments

The following appointments were notified in the Gazette: Mr. C. Strang, to act as Superintendent of Sanitary Services, Urban Council, and Sanitary Department; Mr. E. N. Farnford, to act as Chief Health Inspector, Urban Council, and Sanitary Department; Dr. S. H. Moore to act as a member of the Voluntary Pension Assessment Board, Vice Dr. O. V. A. Griffith, on leave.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That was a smart play our boy called, all right! It's plain to see he got his scholarship on brains!"

Laichikok Murder Trial: Accused Is Found Guilty

The Laichikok Hillside Murder Trial concluded at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the Jury of six men and a woman, after a retirement of 50 minutes, returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against Mak Chan-yuen, 27-year-old farmer, who was accused of killing a woman, Ng Lin, alias Ng Mei-fan, aged 20, on the evening of October 6 last.

Donning the black cap, Mr. Justice Gould passed sentence of death.

His Lordship exempted the Jury from further service for a period of two years.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, together with Mr. Patrick Yu, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. B. Scragg, of Shamshui CID, conducted the prosecution while Mr. Y. K. Mok, instructed by Mr. F. W. Wong, was assigned for the defence.

The trial, which opened on Monday morning, attracted considerable public interest. The murdered woman was stated to be the sweetheart of the accused and her decomposed body was found on the hillside above the Laichikok Amusement Park on October 9.

In the course of a summing-up by Mr. Justice Gould, 40 minutes, Mr. Justice Gould mentioned that the scientific test method with regard to bodies had been used in other cases.

Regarding the identity of the deceased woman there was evidence that the stomach contents were similar to the last meal she had eaten. There was strong inference that the scissor blade found near the scene of the crime was the instrument that had been used. It responded to the test for blood.

His Lordship told the Jury that there was no evidence concerning the whereabouts of the accused on the evening of October 6 except that of Tam Ling, Laichikok beach fella, who stated he saw the accused and the girl going up the hillside. The light then was sufficient for identification.

Turning to motive, his Lordship said that it might have been robbery but all the evidence adduced pointed to the fact that the woman had nothing worth taking.

MAN'S STATEMENTS
Dealing with the statements of the accused, his Lordship said that two Police officers and an interpreter had given sworn evidence as to how they were taken and they had denied any allegation of assault. After the taking of the statements, the accused was brought before another inspector.

If the accused had been maltreated, said his Lordship, he would have complained or likewise if he had been induced to make a statement which on its face value was a confession of murder.

The unknown statement from the dock given by the accused gave no opportunity for it to be tested. What was there to be tested? What was there to be tested? What was there to be tested?

The compartment measuring 6 ft. 10 in. x 4 ft. was found in the stern near the crew's quarters. Defendant, who was intercepted off Stoneycutter Island yesterday, said he used the compartment to store stones as ballast.

Colony's Growing Revenue Balance STOOD AT \$266 MILLION AT END OF NOVEMBER

The Colony's general revenue balance at the end of November last year amounted to \$266,395,721, according to official figures published in today's Gazette.

This is \$18,595,321 more than the estimated total revenue for the current financial year.

Another surplus was recorded for November, revenue exceeding expenditure by \$8,145,978.

NEW LOCAL SOLICITOR ENROLLED

Mr. William Christopher Robert Carr, who arrived in the Colony from England at the end of last year, was admitted by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Supreme Court this morning to practise as a solicitor in Hongkong. He is with Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Moving the application, the Hon. the Acting Attorney General (Mr. G. E. Strickland, QC) said that Mr. Carr was articled on April 6, 1946, to Mr. R. Haughton in Preston, Lancashire, for five years passing his final examination in April 1951. He was admitted to practise in England in July of that year.

Mr. Carr joined the law firm of Messrs. Haughton, Craven and Company, and remained until October, 1951, when he entered into an agreement with Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master in Hongkong as assistant solicitor. He arrived from Home on December 31 last.

"My Carr is from Lancashire and, as most of my own family have associations with that part of the world, it gives me great pleasure to move this application," concluded Mr. Strickland.

Addressing Mr. Carr, his Lordship said: "It is my pleasure to approve, admit and enrol you as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Hongkong and you will take your place accordingly. Personally and on behalf of the Bench of Judges, I wish you every success in your career here."

Mr. F. G. Nigel, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, was present.

Turkish General Here

Major-General Rustu Erdelun of the Turkish Army arrived this morning by PAA plane from Istanbul on his way to take up his new appointment as Chief of Liaison Group in the United Nations Forces HQ in Japan.

He was met at the airport by Capt. M. L. Hardingham, RA, representing the Commander of the British Forces, Hongkong, and Capt. P. B. Williams, Army RAF Movements.

After stopping briefly in the VIP room, General Erdelun was taken by launch to Hongkong where he will stay as overnight guest of Lt-General Sir Terence Airey at Flag Staff House.

General Erdelun was Turkish Military Attache in Tokyo thirteen years ago. He speaks and reads Japanese.

The General is due to fly to Tokyo by PAA tomorrow afternoon.

Insufficient Life Jackets

Ko Ki-chan, 37, licensee of motor junk M164T, was fined \$50 by Mr. W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for carrying insufficient life saving jackets.

Intercepted off Stoneycutter Island while on route to Macao on Thursday afternoon, the vessel was found to be carrying only one life saving jacket instead of the stipulated 18. Though the junk carried no cargo, there were 10 crewmen aboard, said Sub-Inspector Kong.

Defendant said his craft had been laid up for several months and that the jackets had deteriorated.

Living Language

Why we say Philanderer.

One uses this word to describe a male flirt, or a man who takes his loves lightly, but in its original sense the word means just the opposite, a loving or dutiful husband, from the Greek words "phileo" loving, and "andros," a man or husband. The name "Philander" was invented by the Elizabethan dramatists Beaumont and Fletcher, in their play "Laws of Candy."

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcels must close on the day shown below:

Friday, February 29th
By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, 8 p.m.
H.K.A./N.W.A.L.
Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.
C.E.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m.
B.O.A.C.
Philippines, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m.
P.A.L.
Slam, 4 p.m.
P.O.A.S.
Macao, 12.30 p.m.
S. P.M., S. Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
Saturday, March 1st
By Air
Slam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (Via Bangkok) Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m.
Via B.O.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 3 p.m.
P.A.A.
Japan, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m.
Air France.
Macao, 12.30 p.m.
S. P.M., S. Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
5 p.m.
Tientsin, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 9 a.m., S. Lee Wing Sang.
Malaya, Indonesia, 1 p.m., S. Lee Wing Sang.
Indo-China, 5 p.m., S. Lee Wing Sang.
Tyler.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION.

"Anne Hathaway" is another indirect clue. The answer is: "Ailsa Wainwright".

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Answers:
1. Malia. 2. "The Rivals".
3. Fenella. 4. A noose used to catch wild horses and cattle.
5. A triangular set of obliquely and raking forward on a low mast. 6. A light rich pastry with a cream filling.

Cantonese By Radio

The thirty-first in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr. S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 8.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries of subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 31
The lost banknotes (Refer to page 78, "Cantonese Simplified").

Vocabulary:
1. 100. (doh2). An auxiliary placed after a verb expressing that the action of the verb has been accomplished successfully.
101. (ai1) To put.
102. (siman) (or) mean2. Face.

Surface.
Combinations:
1. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.
2. Wun2 duk1 (doh2) To find. Found.
3. Wun2 duk1 (doh2) To find. Found.

4. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.
5. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.
6. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.
7. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.
8. Wun2 (doh2) To find. Found.

General Expressions:
33. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
34. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
35. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
36. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
37. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
38. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
39. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.
40. (11M) (geen2) (jau2) Last.

Printed and published by WILLIAM ALICK GRINHAM for and on behalf of South China Morning Post Limited at 1-3, Wyndham Street, City of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong.

DESIGNERS' COLLECTION

of
1952

Advanced Spring Creations
Dresses
Suits
Shoes

Handbags

Jewellery

Just P.A.A. Delivered

—THE LIKE OF WHICH CAN ONLY BE SEEN TODAY AT TOP 5TH AVENUE SPECIALISTS BUT YOU'LL BE THRILLED TO FIND SUCH A DAZZLING WORLD OF SUPREME ELEGANT CREATIONS

AT

MODE ELITE

Telephones 24052

Kayamally Building, 22 Queen's Road, C.